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Porto Rico Fish Market.

Recent Porto Rico advices say:
Codfish—Demand has been improving and the suspension of new arrivals is causing a favorable reaction in all markets, through the gradual reduction of stocks. There are, however, in various hands some lots of poor quality, selling at comparatively low prices to insure a prompt outlet and preventing in a measure the advance on superior quality which the light supplies at hand should warrant. But once markets be cleared of inferior goods, we look for a further improvement that would level our values with those ruling in exporting markets. There have been no late arrivals of pollock, haddock, hake, and the demand for these descriptions remains very light. Split herring are rather neglected, especially at Ponce. Shipments should be of superior quality only and in well-coopered barrels.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Patriot, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

North Bay and late Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$19 per bbl. for plain and \$20 per bbl. for rimmed.

Boston.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 500 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 600 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Viking, 1500 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Hortense, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Haddock and cod, \$6 to \$6.75 per cwt.; hake, \$2 to \$6; pollock, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Allen Doleman will command sch. Annie M. Parker on her second trip to Newfoundland for frozen herring.

Dec. 6.

Fine Weather on Grand Bank.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived last night from Grand Bank with a snug halibut trip. The captain reports fine weather on the bank and not very hard weather coming home, until coming on the land. On Sunday night, when the gale was so severe here, the Massachusetts was off Sable Island and was coming along easy under bank sail. Capt. Carroll reports seeing no vessels.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Massachusetts sold to the New England Fish Co. at 14 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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REGULAR FISH FAMINE.**T Wharf Fish Dealers Face Friday with Not One Trip at the Wharf.**

It is a regular fish famine at T wharf to-day, and on Friday, too. Yesterday afternoon, there was one arrival at the wharf, sch. Grace Otis coming in with 6000 pounds of pollock which were eagerly bought at three cents per pound. This morning, when the bell rang there was not a vessel at T wharf with a pound of fish on board, so the dealers faced a big demand with not a box in their stores and not a pound in sight.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Bay of Islands, N. F., 150,000 lbs. salt herring.
Sch. Massachusetts, Grand Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Emma F. Chase, Lubec, Me., smoked herring.

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Boston.

Sch. Grace Otis, 6000 pollock.
Pollock, \$3.

Dec. 7.

ROUGHLY HANDLED.**Sch. Lottie G. Merchant Had Terrible Trip Home.****Lost Deckload and Had Both Companionways Stove.**

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Amrose Fleet, which arrived here yesterday afternoon, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt and frozen herring, had an exceptionay rough and stormy passage, culminating in a gale off Sherburne, N. S., which threatened the safety of the craft and all on board.

Capt. Fleet says that they were 18 miles south southeast of Shelburne when the gale of Sunday night started in from the eastward and blew quite hard, but although the craft was out of trim and down by the head she made good weather of it.

As Monday came on, the wind backed to west southwest and for six hours the captain says he never saw it blow so hard and Mate Butler says that in all his 25 years on the sea it was the worst he ever experienced.

No canvas could withstand its force and the close-reefed foresail, which was the only sail the craft had on, and a new sail at that, was badly torn and almost blown away. From thence on to the end of the gale's fury, the craft was under bare poles, and was blown back to off Halifax.

When the gale was at its height, a sea struck the craft and swept her deck from end to end, carrying away her deckload of 65 barrels of salt herring, beside smashing the companionways, fore and aft and the wheel box, the men at the wheel being saved by their lashings.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.****Vessels Sailed.****Today's Fish Market.**

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Boston.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Two Sisters, 2000 pollock.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1500 cod.
Haddock and cod, \$5 per cwt.; hake, \$2.25 to \$5.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$3.

Dec. 9.

BLUEFISH & BUTCHER.**Said To Eat More Than Twice His Weight Every Day.**

Among the corsairs of the deep, few if any rival the delectable bluefish in point of destructiveness. He is a butcher, swift, fierce and relentless, and is said by those who have taken pains to study his habits and characteristics to eat more than twice his own weight of food every day.

Being a predaceous animal, his food supply necessarily comes from other living things in the sea, chief of which is the menhaden, known north of Cape Cod as the porgy, in New York waters as the mossbunker, and in Virginia as the bugfish.

Among the enemies of the menhaden may be counted every carnivorous animal which swims in the same waters. Dolphins follow the schools and consume them by the cartload. Sharks prey upon them, killing vast numbers, but fishermen with years of experience in menhaden fishing believe the bluefish to be the champion killer of the sea.

Bluefish congregate in immense schools and rush the closely packed squadrons of menhaden like Japanese infantry swarming in attack, their onslaught being so fierce at times as to drive the menhaden ashore, where they are often piled high and dry on the beach.

Fish too large to swallow whole are cut to pieces by the sharp teeth and powerful jaws of the bluefish, and bits of floating flesh and stains of blood mark the course they shape through a school of the pursued. "Slicks" of oil will remain for days on the water to chart the course taken by a band of bluefish marauders through a porgy congregation.

The pike and pickerel of fresh water bodies are renowned as killers of their kind, but they are not to be mentioned as predaceous animals with the bluefish.

The bonito, another vicious bandit whose habits are similar to the bluefish, is also very destructive, but fishermen everywhere are inclined to award the prize for champion sea slaughterer to the bluefish.

Being ravenous eaters, bluefish grow rapidly. The young fish which usually appear along the shores about the middle of August are about five inches in length. In a single month they more than double their inches, after which time the increase of growth is still more rapid.

A fish which passes eastward in the spring weighing five pounds is represented, according to general impression, by the ten or twelve pounders of the autumn.

As a food fish the bluefish ranks high. A writer of 1672—Josselyn in his "New England Rarities Displayed"—spoke of the "blew-fish" as being common in the waters hereabouts and "esteemed the best sort of fish next to rockcod." He also says: "It is usually as big as the salmon, and a better meat by far."

Besides being a persistent killer and one of the greatest destroyers of menhaden known, the bluefish is a fighter fitted for the championship class in any kind of company. It will not hesitate to attack any kind of fish of its own bulk. It fights desperately, too, when hooked by the angler.

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TELL OF BAD WEATHER.**Haddockers Out Long While And Did Little Fishing.**

shore haddockers, schs. Elmer Flora S. Nickerson at Boston very hard weather on the fishing ground.

Nickerson has been out three weeks and the captain reports nothing but gales and bad weather all the time. For the first two weeks they could not put a dory over the side and last week was but little better, a few one and two tub sets being cleared. The vessel had but 7000 pounds of fish.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray had a similar experience. She was out over three weeks and not till the last few days did her crew get a chance to set and then fortunately picked up a good trip. Capt. Enslo reports quite a fleet of haddockers on Brown's Bank.

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VERY SLIGHT FROST.

Struck at Bay of Islands, N. F.,
During Saturday.

Not h However To Be of
Much Service.

A despatch received here Saturday evening states that there had been a slight frost at Bay of Islands, N. F. Evidently it was not of sufficient strength or duration to warrant putting many herring on the scaffold, for only one English vessel froze a few.

Sch. Blanche, was at North Sydney, C. B., Wednesday, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full load of salt herring. Evidently this craft did not leave the bay for home a week ago Thursday, as was first supposed, but probably came out last Wednesday. Any uneasiness for her safety which was held in some quarters is dispelled by the news of her arrival at North Sydney, C. B. Many thought that she was in company with sch. Lottie G. Merchant and with her encountered the heavy gale off Sherburne, N. S., on last Monday and Sunday, and from her non-appearance here last week, concluded that she had been badly used by the gale.

Sch. Bohemia is bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring and salt codfish.

Sch. Orinoco, which is bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., has a cargo of artificially frozen herring.

The frozen herring of sch. Lottie G. Merchant are sold to the Boston Herring Co. and will be shipped to Boston from here.

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Boston.

Sch. Reliance, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 1600 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Elthier, 1200 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Vesta, 6500 cod.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 5000 cod.
Sch. Nathaniel J. Nelson, 6000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 23,000 hake, 11,000 cusk.
Sch. E. A. Hooper, 2000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Sabine, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 3000 hake.
Sch. Gracie, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$5 to \$5.90 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.90; market cod, \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; cusk, \$2.25; pollock, \$3.

Dec. 10.

HERRING FLEET NEWS.

and Sailings at Bay of
Islands, N. F.

Fair Fishing Reported Recently
in Middle Arm.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of Wednesday says:

"Not very much has been done in the herring fishery of late and things do not look hopeful as three weeks ago. There was fair fishing the middle of last week in the outer part of the Humber Arm, but since then most of the herring seem to have worked outside and gone into the other arms. Nearly all the vessels are now in the Middle Arm. Monday's storm did considerable damage to the nets and some have not yet been recovered, and besides this several of the scaffolds put up to freeze herring on were also damaged. The vessels all rode it out safely.

"Another week of good fishing and all the vessels here for salt bulk cargoes will be loaded and it looks as though there would be about 45 crafts here for frozen fares, but the weather conditions may cause some of them to load with part salt bulk herring.

"The Scotch firm has packed between 600 and 700 barrels and will likely put up 200 barrels more before the closing down of the season. This is the company the government said would relieve the fishery situation and raise the price of herring to an enormous figure. The fact of the matter is they have not paid more for their herring than anybody else and perhaps not as much, for while Canadians and Americans have to feed and house their men, those selling to the Scotch company had to feed themselves, which is quite a consideration for fishermen accustomed to a 'mug up' five or six times a day.

"Numerous scaffolds have been erected on the several vessels and along the shores of Middle Arm, ready for the frozen voyages. There was fair fishing at Corner Brook on Tuesday and it seems that the herring are again working back into the Humber. Schs. Lena and Maud and Arkona arrived last Friday and the Essex came Saturday. Three Lunenburg craft, schs. Muriel M. Young, Douglass Adams and Ellen M. Maxner arrived Saturday.

"The Palatia sailed Thursday with a full fare of salt herring for the Atlantic Fisheries Co., at Halifax. The Blanche sailed Friday, but had to anchor at Wood's Island until Sunday. Schs. George R. Alston, chartered by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., sailed Sunday with 1800 barrels in bulk.

"The Bay of St. George sch. Francis Willard sailed today for St. John, N. B., with 1200 barrels in bulk. Schs. Bohemia also sails today for Gloucester with 130,000 pounds of salt cod and 700 barrels salt herring in bulk and 100 barrels in barrels. Tuesday's report was to the effect that there was good fishing in Middle Arm. The Lunenburg sch. Colonial needs but 50 barrels to complete loading."

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Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Edith Silveira, Capt. J. J. Silveira, arrived at Boston yesterday from her maiden trip and landed 15,000 pounds fare of fresh fish on a good market, making a fine start.

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HERRING NEWS

Prospect on Tuesday Last Was
Best of the Season.

Captain of Sch. Orinoco Had His
Thumb Badly Jammed.

News from Bay of Islands, received here Saturday states that on Sunday, December 1, the fishermen did not draw their nets, holding as they have all the season to the no Sunday fishing agreement. On Monday they had a heavy gale from the northeast which destroyed some nets and also prevented the fishermen from hauling their nets. During the latter part of last week some great catches were made in the Middle Arm, but since then no great hauls had been made anywhere in the bay.

One day the indications are fairly good and the next day the fish disappear. Some of the captains and fishermen are of the opinion that a large body of herring will appear later in the season, while others have little faith in the prediction. The way things now look, no man can prophesy what the future may bring forth in the herring fishery here.

Sch. Arkona arrived here November 29. On Tuesday some good hauls were made in the Middle Arm. Sch. Essex arrived here November 30.

Capt. Dominick Arsenault of sch. Orinoco had his thumb badly jammed and it is feared he will have to have it amputated.

On Wednesday it was very moderate and a light snow falling. The Nova Scotia schooners Muriel M. Young and Douglass Adams are the recent Canadian arrivals. In all, some 23 Canadian vessels have been here this season, including schs. Eva June, George R. Alston and Renown, which are chartered by American parties.

The fishermen who came down to Birchy Cove from the Arm's Tuesday evening state that the prospect of herring is now better than it has been at any time this season, but tomorrow the situation may change again.

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WILL HAVE NEW VESSEL.

New Gasoline Auxiliary Schooner
for Capt. Frank Nunan.

Cape Porpoise Skipper One of
Leaders of Fleet.

Capt. Frank Nunan of Cape Porpoise, of sch. Sadie M. Nunan of that port is making arrangements to relinquish command of the craft in which he has made such a remarkable record among the shore market fishing fleet. He likes his business too well to think of giving up fishing, but being an enterprising master mariner as ever sailed he is determined to keep right up with the times and to have the best there is going to go fishing in.

It is given out that he has had plans made for a new vessel and that the craft will be built at Hodgdon's Mills, Maine. The vessel will be of the now famous knockabout design, with no bowsprit and will also be equipped with a gasoline engine for auxiliary power. The new craft will be right up to date in model, construction, finish and fittings.

Capt. Nunan is one of the king pins of the market fleet and the advent of his new craft will be awaited with interest.

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HERRING AND COD SCARCE.

Small Crafts Return from Trips
Over Plymouth Way.

The cod netters Marguerite and Mary E. Webb, which have been off Plymouth, returned during the night, having found very poor fishing there.

Steamer Quartette which went over there for a herring torching trip, also came back this morning and reports that no herring have been taken there since the snow storm of last Tuesday.

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FISHING VESSELS LOST.

Paimpol, France, Dec. 9.—Three Newfoundland fishing vessels, the Angler, Jacques and Croisade, with crews totalling 120 men, have been given up for lost, as they have not been reported since Oct. 1, when they left Miquelon.

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Fine Trips.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, is at T wharf, Boston, this morning with a fine trip, of 53,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Frank Enslo, is also there with 33,000 pounds. As prices are high on all lines of fish both vessels will make good stocks.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll stocked \$2400 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Volant, Georges, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Almeida, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Quartette, shore.
Sch. Lafayette, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

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